



The State of Washington
COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS

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COMMISSION ON ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN AFFAIRS APPOINTMENTS

OLYMPIA – Gov. Chris Gregoire today announced the following appointments to the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs.

Lisa Dickinson resides in Spokane, Washington. Super Lawyers named her a “Washington Rising Star” in 2006, 2010, and 2011. In 2005, she was selected by the Washington State Bar Association as a fellow for the prestigious WSBA Leadership Institute. She is the owner of Dickinson Law Firm, PLLC, where she currently works as an attorney. Prior to this, Dickinson served as a law clerk in the Western District of Washington, Office of the Attorney General, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office. She is active in her community and has served as a legal advisor to the Japanese American Citizens League – Spokane Chapter, as a board member on the Northwest Justice Project, Spokane Washington Women Lawyers, Rotary Club 21, and the Martin Luther King Family Outreach Center. In 2010, she was named a representative to the American Bar Association’s House of Delegates. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Washington.

Pearl Leung lives in Seattle, Washington. She is the Community Relations Manager in the Department of Corporate Communications at Vulcan. Leung previously worked for Governor Gary Locke and Representative Velma Veloria. She is a board member on the Low Income Housing Institute and the South Lake Union Community Council. Leung was also instrumental in the creation of the South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce and is an active participant in the YWCA Girls First program which mentors high school girls of color. She received a Masters in Urban Planning and Real Estate Development and an undergraduate degree in American Ethnic Studies from the University of Washington.

Quang Nguyen resides in Seattle, Washington. He is an Economic Development Specialist for the Seattle Chinatown/International District Preservation Development Authority. With over 10 years of community leadership and economic development experience, Nguyen most recently served as the executive director for the Washington Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce. *Seattle Magazine* recognized his work advocating for the preservation of the Little Saigon community as one of the top “2009 Influential Acts.” He is a board member on the Washington Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Little Saigon, Seattle Symphony, Celebrate Asia, and the Yesler Terrace Citizen Review Committee. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Linguistics from the University of Washington.

Frieda Takamura of Renton, Washington has been reappointed to a second term. Takamura is a long time educator and community activist. More recently, she retired from the position of Human/Civil Rights Coordinator at the Washington Education Association. She is active in the community in her roles as co-chair of the Asian Pacific Islander American Think Tank, volunteer and curriculum consultant at the Wing Luke, and member of the planning committee for APA Heritage Month.

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Agency Overview

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